GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:943
ANSWERED ON:08.12.2003
DISTRIBUTION OF FOREST LAND AMONGST LANDLESS ADIVASIS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received any proposals from Kerala to release forest land for distribution amongst the landless adivasis of the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any meeting has been held recently between the Chief Minister of Kerala and theMinister of Environment & Forests regarding the disbursement of Central forest land to the Government of Kerala;

(d) if so, whether the Union Government have consented to hand over 25,000 hectares of forest land to the government of Kerala for distributing to the landless adivasis of the State; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS (SHRI. T. R. BAALU)

(a) & (b) A proposal for diversion of 7693 ha. of vested forest land for resettlement of landless tribals in Kasargod, Kannur, Wayanad, Palakkad and Malappuram districts was received from Kerala Government in the Ministry of Environment & Forests.

(c) Yes, Sir. In this connection, a meeting was held between the Chief Minister of Kerala and theMinister of Environment & Forests on 20.10.2003.

(d) & (e) Government have approved the proposal for diversion of 7693 ha. of vested forest land for resettlement of landless tribals in the State of Kerala.